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## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 6214 NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 17, 2013 **BILL NUMBER:** SB 209 **BILL AMENDED:** Jan 16, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) to approve the establishment of not more than six graduate degree programs, which must be aligned with industries identified as target industries for regional economic development.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill requires the CHE to approve the establishment of not more than six graduate degree programs, at the Indiana University—Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) campus. The new degree programs may not have a combined enrollment exceeding 96 students each academic year. Each program must be aligned with industries identified as target industries for regional economic development. The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Commission.

However, the bill could increase the cost to the state and increase revenue to the University since the number of graduate degrees is one component of the higher education formula. Since the formula uses a 4-year rolling average for comparing growth, the initial cost would be minor.

IPFW would incur additional costs associated with hiring faculty and support staff for the new graduate degree programs. The increased cost might be offset to some extent by increased tuition and fees paid by the new graduate students enrolling in these programs. However, the tuition and fees may not offset these increased costs in the initial years of these programs.

## **Explanation of State Revenues:**

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## **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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State Agencies Affected: CHE, IPFW.

**Local Agencies Affected:** 

**Information Sources:** CHE.

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